

to divert the course of the swiftly moving currents.

There was a further shut-down of electric light plants to-night, leaving the city in semi-darkness. The relief work is proceeding bravely, none being refused food or shelter. Archbishop Amette has ordered public prayers in the churches and a collection taken up for the victims.

In spite of the crippled water supply the authorities say that the reservoirs are intact, and that there is no danger of a famine if the water is husbanded carefully and confined strictly to drinking purposes. At the same time, a warning is again issued that the water should be boiled.

**Becoming Worse.**

The situation below Paris is becoming appreciably worse. The stretch of water which engulfs Boulogne, Neuilly, Puteaux, Sevres, Angers, Maisons-Laffitte, Lepeque and Poissy, is widening rapidly, while farther below the swollen Oise is pouring in new torrents over the Pontoise section.

The weather everywhere through France has ameliorated, and it is believed that the worst of the flood is past.

No Americans are reported injured. The artists and students for the most part live in the Latin quarter, which is on high ground, and the richer Americans generally reside in the neighborhood of the Rue de l'Étoile, the highest portion of the city.

The boulevard life of the gay Parisian has been suddenly silenced. Most of the music halls remain open, but they are deserted. A husky multitude sits in front of the boulevard cafes.

At a special meeting to-night the Board of Health drew up instructions for the prevention of an epidemic. The board especially insists that none of the flooded houses must be reoccupied until it has been thoroughly disinfected, and the bedding and clothing, which have been contaminated by flood and water, burned.

The board announced that there were 304,000 cubic metres of water in the reservoirs, enough for several days, and therefore there was little fear of a water famine.

**Traffic Is Stopped.**

All omnibuses, street cars and other heavy traffic on the bridges were stopped to-day. Premier Briand declared that persons who hoarded up provisions in the affected places, with the intention of reselling them at a profit, would be drastically dealt with.

The residence of United States Ambassador Bacon has become untenable, and the family has moved to the Mercedes Hotel.

The Red Cross Society, which has received a substantial check from Ambassador Bacon, to-day established soup kitchens for the destitute at a hundred points. This afternoon Mr. Bacon called upon Foreign Minister Pichon, and informally tendered the sympathy of the American government and people.

J. Pierpont Morgan has cabled from New York tendering \$20,000 if outside contributions to the relief fund will be acceptable.

The foundations of the National Porcelain Factory, at Sevres, are sinking. At many places in that vicinity the rush of water has been so rapid that the people did not have time in which to evacuate their homes.

**Like Belonged City.**

Paris to-day resembles a beleaguered city. The military commander in each of the five sections into which the metropolis has been divided holds his soldiers in constant readiness for dispatch to points of danger. The government of the municipality has placed the military barracks and public school buildings at the disposition of the refugees, who already number, it is estimated, more than 100,000. Fifteen thousand laborers of the city are out of work, and though subscriptions are pouring in, the government to-day decided to ask Parliament for an additional credit to be used in relief work.

Every minute to-day brought a new tale of disaster.



As you know the correct style for clothing is free from exaggerations in cut or pattern. The headgear this season is a wonder of newness in fabric, color and shape.

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In shades to match your suit.



## JAPAN IS FRIEND OF UNITED STATES

### Foreign Minister Outlines Imperial Policy on World Affairs.

Tokyo, January 27.—Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, addressed the Diet this afternoon upon the subject of diplomatic relations, laying special stress upon Japan's relations with Russia, China and the United States. Regarding Russia, he said that their international relations had been regarded recently with a feeling of suspicion due to groundless rumors. He said:

"I assure you with perfect frankness and sincerity that the bonds of amity between the two countries are being constantly strengthened, and there is absolutely no cause for apprehension or concern. Both governments are acting in a spirit of mutual accommodation, which policy will be maintained firmly in the future. I consider it a duty of our government to consolidate these cordial relations."

"The friendship between Japan and the United States," continued the baron, "stands firm and enduring upon the foundations which are essential to the best interests of the commercial relations of the two countries. Both governments are directing their best efforts to obtain the object in view."

"The United States government recently proposed a plan regarding the neutralization of Manchurian railways. The imperial government with respect to this proposal has the ability to consent to the proposal. I trust the United States will appreciate our position and that the other powers will equally recognize the justice of Japan's attitude."

**Criticizes Haste.**

Following Baron Komura's speech, M. Ozaki, member of the Conservative party, vigorously criticized the haste and curtness with which, he asserted, the government had replied to the American proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways. He denounced the proposal as a "surrender" and said that the attitude assumed in Japan by those who believed that anything but the most sincere and friendliest motives were behind the American proposal.

Mayor Ozaki insisted that though the proposal could not be accepted, there was no reason why the government and people of Japan should adopt any other than the most friendly attitude. In fact, he thought it was the duty of Japan as a government to accept a people to always treat the United States as Japan's best friend among the nations. At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks, there was an unusual and continued demonstration of applause.

Baron Komura, in reply, explained that the government had not the slightest intention of discourtesy towards the government of the United States. The impracticability of the Manchurian proposal was evident, but Japan's refusal to accept it did not mean unfriendliness toward the government and people with whom it originated.

## THE WEATHER

**Forecast:** Virginia—Fair Friday, cooler in south; Saturday partly cloudy; moderate west winds, becoming variable.

**North Carolina—Unsettled and somewhat cooler Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; moderate west winds, becoming variable.**

**CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.**

8 A. M. temperature	46
Humidity	75
Wind, direction	S. W.
Wind, velocity	10 to 15
2 P. M. temperature	56
Key West temperature	66
Maximum temperature up to	61
Minimum temperature down to	40
Mean temperature	50
Excess in temperature yesterday	23
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	478
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	121
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	7.12
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	6.49

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES (At 3 P. M. Eastern Standard Time)**

Place	Ther.	H. T.	Weather
Washington	42	46	Clear
Charlotte	41	46	P. cloudy
Raleigh	40	46	P. cloudy
Asheville	44	44	Clear
Jupiter	46	74	Clear
Key West	66	72	P. cloudy
Mable	58	61	Clear
Atlanta	54	58	Clear
Memphis	51	63	P. cloudy
Cincinnati	52	64	Cloudy
Pittsburg	52	64	Rain
Kansas City	49	46	Clear
Detroit	30	30	Cloudy
Buffalo	28	33	Rain
Savannah	64	68	Cloudy
San Francisco	62	62	Clear
Hatteras	64	62	Clear
Galveston	62	68	Cloudy
St. Louis	62	62	Cloudy
Jacksonville	62	62	Cloudy
Tampa	62	70	Clear
Charleston	64	62	P. cloudy

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

Jan. 28, 1916.

Sun rises, 7:13. HIGH TIDE, 1:10.

Moon sets, 5:29. Morning, 7:12.

Moon rises, 9:42. Evening, 7:57.

## HANDSOME 6 FT. ROBERT TURNBULL TO CAPTAIN MYERS INCREASES LEAD

Members of Howitzers Command Show Appreciation of One Man's Work.

at 154.

### GOVERNOR SWANSON SPEAKS TWO PRECINCTS MISSING

Comments Historic Battalion and Urges Longer Enlistment in Virginia Militia.

Celebrating the completion of the new addition to the armory, members of the Howitzers battalion and their friends filled the drill room last night, taking part in an informal smoker and listening to speeches made by those now serving with the organization and veterans who followed the flag from Bethel to Appomattox. The exercises were closed with the inspection by the assemblage of the annex, which is said to be the best and most complete in the South.

Realizing that it was mainly through the efforts of Captain William M. Myers that the annex was erected, the battery through Captain T. M. Wortham presented him with a silver service. It had been kept from him until the time of the presentation, and Captain Myers was taken entirely by surprise. The pieces were inscribed:

"Presented to Captain William M. Myers, commanding the Richmond Howitzers, by the officers and enlisted men of his command, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of their commanding officer, January 27, 1916, upon the completion of the new addition to our armory. To him who originated and whose untiring energy carried to completion this important adjunct to our home."

**Convert Two Buildings.**

Calling the meeting to order, Captain Myers spoke of the difficulties encountered in completing the addition. He called attention to the fact that the drill room was now too small to accommodate the present battery with a minimum of 133 men, and said that the next move would be to connect the two buildings so as to make a drill room adequate to the needs of the growing organization.

Through Colonel Charles E. Wingo, a war-time member of the battery, an old sponge bucket picked up on the field near Appomattox, where the battery during the war cut down its guns and buried them, was presented to the battery. Charles Pindexter, who also fought through the war with the Howitzers, gave a history of the relic and incidentally mentioned some of the most noteworthy achievements of the battery during the war.

Governor Claude A. Swanson also had something to say about the relic bucket. He held that members of the Legislature who were present would note that a bucket was no good without a barrel, and that it would be their pleasure to give the barrel in the shape of a good appropriation.

Governor Swanson spoke of the readiness of the Howitzers to go into the field on short notice, citing as an example the famous trip to Jamestown, when, with the exception of shot and shell, they experienced all the hardships of war.

Business men, he said, should encourage their employees to go into the military, because it stands as the strongest barrier between their interests and the temptations of idleness and dissipation. He maintained that in spite of all the talk, there was no rivalry between the military organizations of the State except that incident to getting money for better equipment, which he thought was most healthy.

### FATAL END TO FEUD

Man Shot and Killed in Waynesville Bank During Rush Hours.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 27.—As the result of an old feud, Bas Browning, an Allen Creek township farmer of Haywood county, was shot and killed in the Bank of Waynesville by Allen Green, also a farmer, who was placed at 11 o'clock this morning. The killing took place in the presence of the bank officials, at a time when the bank was filled with people and created much excitement. Green and Browning were neighbors, their farms adjoining, and were related by marriage. Green, who is a constable in the Allen Creek section, surrendered to the police, and is now in jail at Waynesville, awaiting preliminary trial.

### CHRISTY MATHEWSON SIGNS WITH NATIONALS

New York, January 27.—Christy Mathewson, the star pitcher, signed with the New York Nationals for another season to-day, after first receiving permission from President Brush to play indoor baseball and basketball during the off-season, if he wished to do so.

President Brush denied the report that he is to retire from the New York National League Club.

Mathewson positively reiterated here that Brush will resign next month, and that Fred M. Knowles will become his successor. The annual meeting of the New York Club, it is stated, will convene in New York on Wednesday, and will discuss the club's organization, and whether Brush or Freedman is the controlling power.

### INTEREST IN ROAD WORK.

Conference Urges State to Take Action Looking to Aid of Counties.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27.—Declaring that the conference realizes the great value of good roads in the industrial advancement and general uplift of the State, and that the time has come for the State to take some definite action in regard to State roads, the special road conference, under the auspices of the North Carolina Road Association, adopted resolutions to-day urging the next legislative assembly to provide for adequate road improvement by the State, and to take such action as may be deemed necessary to the construction of public roads, counties to be allowed to use their own funds, and the State to regulate, control, maintain and fund them; and furthermore, declared it to be the sense of the conference that \$25,000 each year should be appropriated from the general State treasury for apportionment among the counties for road improvement, under the condition that counties receiving the aid shall raise twice the amount apportioned by the State, all work by the use of such funds to be subject to approval by State engineers.

The conference was attended by 100 citizens, representing county authorities from Wilmington to Asheville.

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Twelfth and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

Capital, - - - \$300,000.00

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**RETURNS OF FOURTH DISTRICT PRIMARY**

	Watkins.	Turnbull.	Coke.	Lassiter.	Total.
Amelia	146	10	6	22	184
Brunswick	8	753	2	17	780
Dinwiddie	50	94	32	266	442
Greenesville	3	163	43	49	241
Lynchburg	39	185	43	50	270
Mecklenburg	65	391	40	185	681
Notoway	322	34	84	33	473
Petersburg	198	234	23	309	1,364
Powhatan	122	9	3	17	151
Prince Edward	635	7	2	12	656
Prince George	2	5	124	116	241
Surry	23	8	141	54	206
Sussex	6	42	359	37	444
Total	1,622	1,905	861	1,751	6,139
Unofficial.					
Turnbull's plurality					154

Two precincts missing.

story frame store and dwelling on the south side of Bell Street between Washington and Randolph Streets, to cost \$2,200.

Sally Cheatham, to repair a frame dwelling, 422 North Twenty-fifth Street, erecting a one-story addition in rear, to cost \$100.

J. G. and F. H. Boehling, to repair a row of frame dwellings, 201 and 213 Q Street, recently damaged by fire, to cost \$1,300.

Mrs. A. H. Phillips, to repair frame dwelling, 413 North Street, to cost \$1,000.

James R. Roper, to erect a metal electric sign in front of 219 North Fifth Street.

## THAWED DYNAMITE BEFORE OPEN FIRE

Resulting Explosion Wrecks Building and Proves Fatal to Two.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Asheville, N. C., January 27.—The courthouse at Bryson City, a pretentious concrete structure, in the county seat of Swain county, was demolished at 7 o'clock to-night, adjoining building leveling to the ground, one man is reported killed, and another fatally injured, by the explosion of dynamite which two men were thawing before an open fire in one of the offices. The dead man is Oscar Conley, and Registrar of Deeds Lee Francis cannot live, while Barret Banks lost both eyes.

The property loss is over \$50,000.

Reliable reports, which came here, state that Conley and Banks were engaged in thawing dynamite before a fire, for the purpose of dynamiting fish, though this is positively against the law, and had a large quantity on hand in an office adjoining that of the registrar of deeds when the explosion occurred, and the building of hollow concrete blocks was practically demolished.

## FOR CONSOLIDATION

Post A. T. P. A., Adopts Resolutions Approving Union of Cities.

Post A. Travelers' Protective Association, last night adopted resolutions endorsing the hotel bill recently presented to the General Assembly by Delegate John S. Harwood in lieu of the bill drawn by the Virginia Travelers' Association.

The post also passed a resolution in regard to the consolidation plan of Richmond and Manchester as adopted by the Councils of the two cities. William C. Bentley was appointed chairman of a committee to see before the Council in behalf of better wharf facilities when the matter comes up.

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Higdon's Pharmacy . . . . . 3300 East Leigh Street  
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